

**JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
and
THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N #2003-1Z-154

1 AUGUST 2003

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**G.W. ROBERTS
ROUTE 1, BOX 465
VARNVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29944**

for a permit to place fill material in wetlands adjacent to

BEAVERDAM CREEK

on property located adjacent to and west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 278 and State Road S-27-41, approximately 1.5 miles south of the Town of Greys, in Jasper County, South Carolina (Latitude: 34.1405° N, Longitude: 79.4590° W).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2003

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of constructing an 18-acre greentree reservoir. In detail, the applicant proposes to fill approximately 1.03 acres of wetlands for the construction of a 2,800'-long, 4'-high earthen embankment with a top width of 8' and a bottom width of 16'. The embankment is to be constructed using soils obtained from eleven trenches to be excavated adjacent to the proposed embankment. Each trench is to measure 200'-long, 6'-deep, with a top width of 12' and a bottom width of 6'. Approximately 0.61 acres of wetlands will be impacted as a result of trench excavation. A water control structure is to be installed near the downstream end of the proposed embankment to allow flooding and draw down. In addition, the applicant proposes to excavate approximately 77,440 cy of material from 4 acres of wetlands located adjacent to and slightly upslope from the proposed greentree reservoir to create a 12'-deep auxiliary pond. Excavated material from the auxiliary pond is to be deposited on high ground. The purpose of the auxiliary pond is to serve as a source of reserve water for the greentree reservoir during excessively dry years. A pump is to be installed to

supply water from the auxiliary pond to the greentree reservoir when needed. The purpose of the proposed work is to enhance habitat for resident and migratory waterfowl, resident wildlife, and resident and migratory songbirds.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

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The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 23.03 acres of freshwater wetlands located upstream from estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

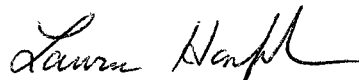
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the

reasons for holding a public hearing.

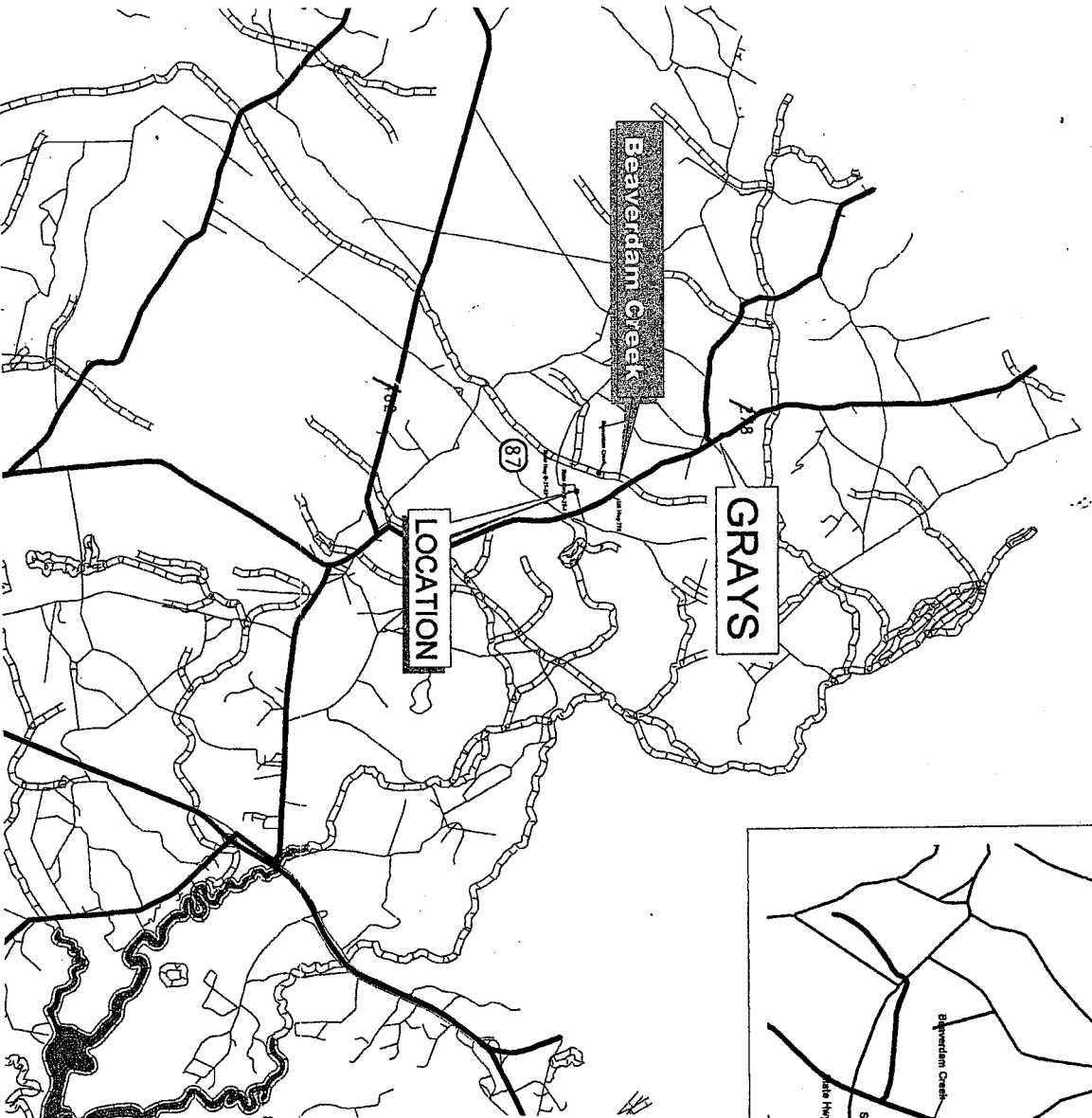
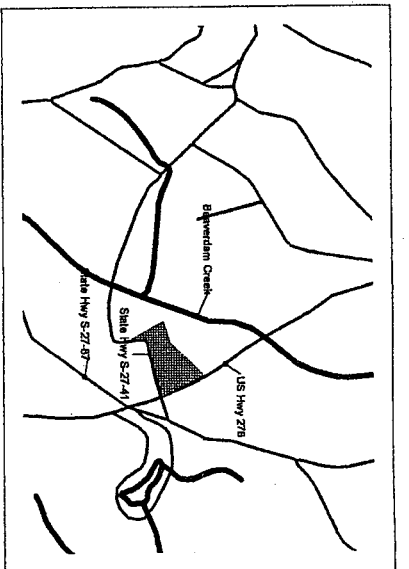
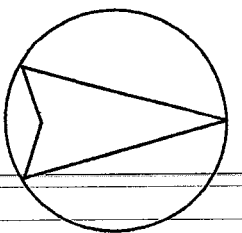
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.



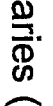
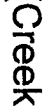
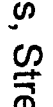

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Larry Hanford
Project Manager
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



-  Tributaries (Creeks, Streams, Etc.)
-  Major and Minor Roads
-  Highways
-  Interstates
-  Roads
-  Water Bodies

LOCATION MAP

G. W. ROBERTS/GREENTREE RESERVOIR

JASPER COUNTY

ACTIVITY: GREENTREE RESERVOIR
 IN: HIGHWAY 278
 AT: BEAVERDAM CREEK
 NEAR: TOWN OF GRAYS
 AGENT: SOIL AND WETLAND CONSULTII
 APPLICANT: G. W. ROBERTS
 DATE: May 20, 2003
 SHEET 104 3



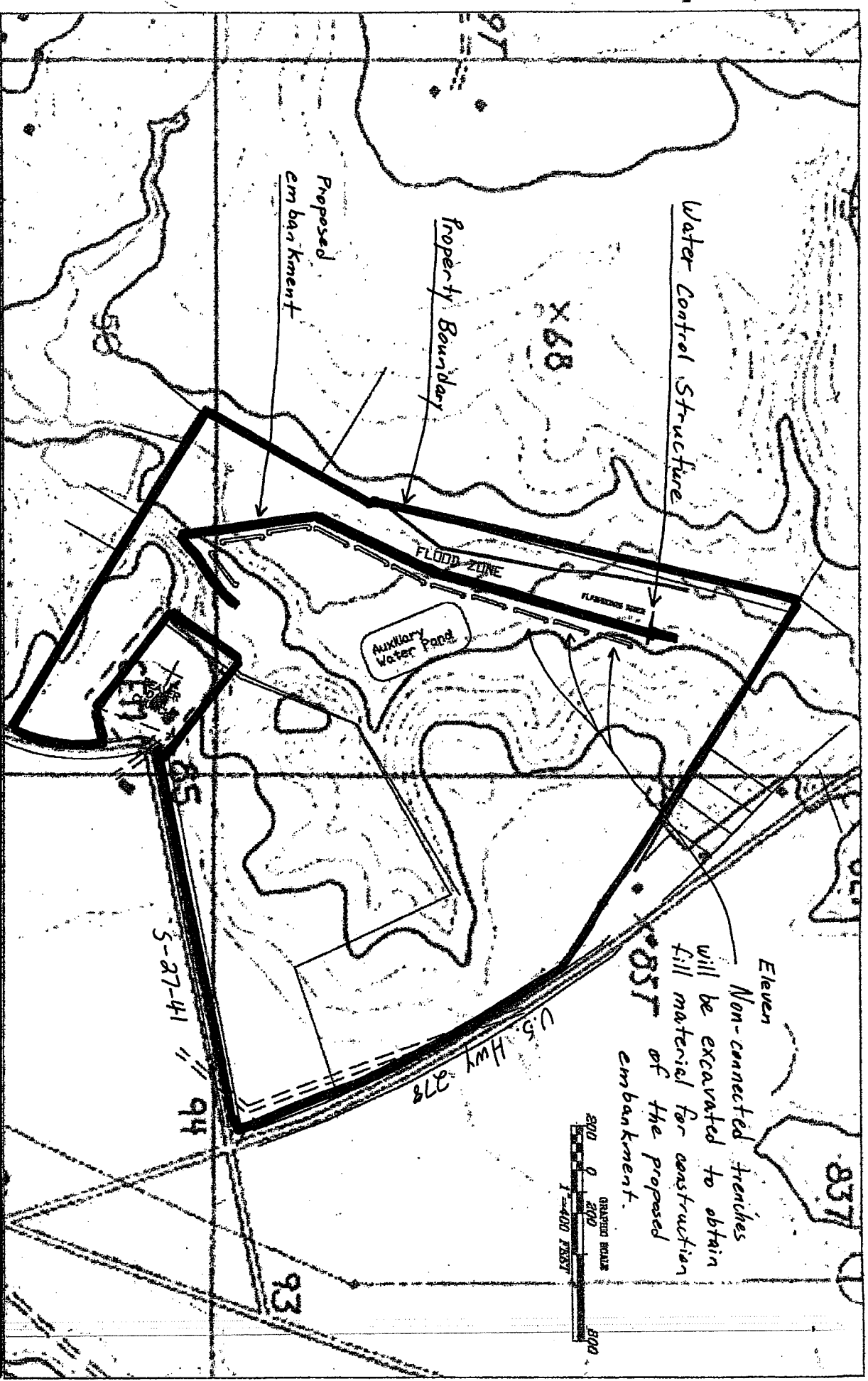


TOPOGRAPHY MAP

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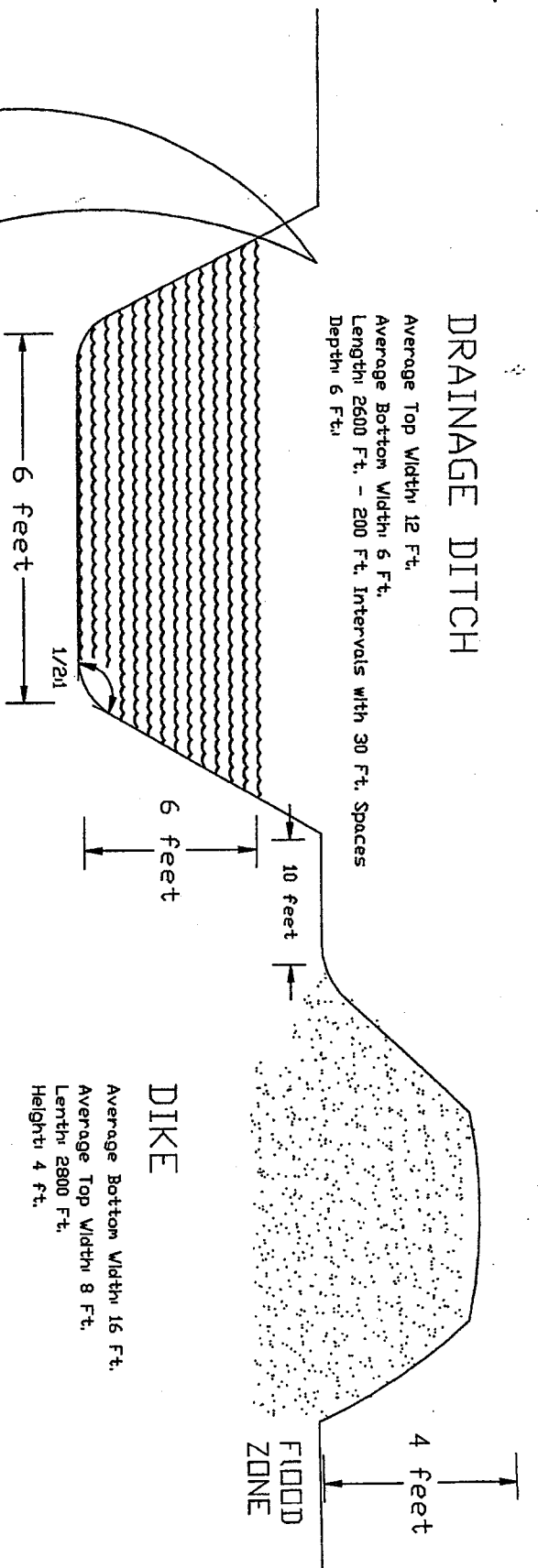
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DRAINAGE DITCH

Average Top Width 12 Ft.
Average Bottom Width 6 Ft.
Length 2600 Ft. - 200 Ft. Intervals with 30 Ft. Spaces
Depth 6 Ft.



DIKE

Average Bottom Width 16 Ft.
Average Top Width 8 Ft.
Length 2800 Ft.
Height 4 ft.

FLOOD
ZONE

4 feet

6 feet

10 feet

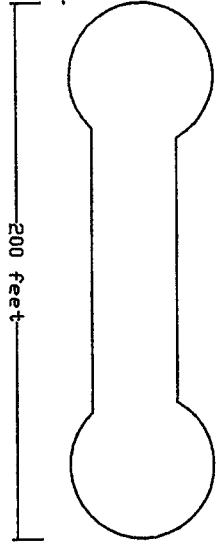
6 feet

1/2 ft

12 feet

AUXILIARY WATER POND

Area 174,240 Square Ft.
Depth 12 Ft.



200 feet

CROSS-SECTION VIEW MAP

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